



YEARS OF *good*
1902 - 2022



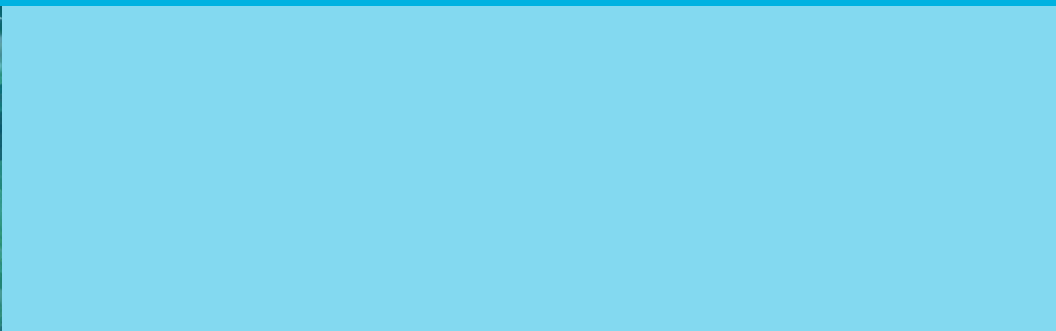
CREATING 
flourishing

communities through

GENERATIONAL

IMPACT

FOR **120 YEARS**





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LEADING A LEGACY OF GOOD

With a legacy spanning over 121 years, Children’s Home Society of Florida (CHS) leads the way in designing and delivering solutions that generate life-changing impact in communities across Florida. Despite the tremendous odds facing our children, we are bringing them opportunities and creating pathways to prosperity.

Our impact has grown from 34 in 1902 to over 80,000 children and families today. We have grown because of our ability to respond to the changing needs of families and to lead policy and funding reforms that align with best practice. This is fundamental to our strategy. We listen to the community, we innovate with strategic partners and we design evidence informed solutions that generate results on behalf of the children and families we serve. We bring those results forward through our advocacy to fuel greater impact.

We listen to the community. Whether it is a Parent council in Early Head Start or a Community Leadership Council in our Community Partnership Schools, the voices of our children, families and communities inform our practice. We listen, and we elevate those voices. It is our students, serving as senate pages, who educate our legislators on their trials and triumphs.

We advance innovative practices. CHS leads the state in the scaling of Community Partnership Schools. We have partnerships with over 17 state colleges and universities, 18 healthcare entities and 16 school districts. Unlike most non-profits, we are forging long-term partnerships, with 25-year agreements, because we recognize that breaking cycles of intergenerational poverty, abuse and neglect requires a multi-generational approach.

We advocate to fuel our impact. Our transformative work is highlighted in our advocacy. With our expanded vision for Community Partnership Schools in mind, and with your help, CHS

advocated to increase funding for Community Partnership Schools from \$7.1 million to \$11 million. From one school in 2012, we have successfully scaled to 31 Community Partnership Schools statewide and are proud to see their impact come to life as students continue to defy the odds and thrive, both in and out of the classroom.

Our reputation for innovation and high impact programming is growing. The Florida Cabinet declared January 17, 2023 Children’s Home Society of Florida Day in recognition of our impact on the State of Florida over 120 years! On November 28, 2023, the US Congress also recognized CHS on the floor of the House of Representatives with a proclamation for 120+ years of GOOD.

This impact wouldn’t be possible without you! Whether a donor, volunteer, legislator, team member or client, we’re honored you’re a member of our CHS Family. It takes all of us to keep our GOOD going, and we’re thankful you’re a member of Team CHS.

We are not done.

Because of your investment and dedication toward the future of Florida’s children, together, we will create a world where children realize their full potential. Thank you.

In appreciation,



A handwritten signature in black ink.

Andry Sweet
President & CEO



A handwritten signature in black ink.

Brand Meyer
Chairman of the Board

Life can be hard – and no child, no family should face the tough times alone.

Because of you – they don't have to.



In 2023, more than

80,000

children and family members crossed bridges to success - because of YOU.

You make it possible for CHS to meet kids and families with the right solutions at the right time ... empowering more children to realize their full potential.

Our Vision:

A world where children realize their full potential.

Our Mission:

Building bridges to success for children.



Before the invention of bubble gum, Children's Home Society of Florida was founded to provide loving homes for children, and to strengthen families going through tough times.

1902



With a "cradle to career" approach, we help children – and their parents – find safety, strength and opportunities through Early Childhood Services; Child Welfare; Counseling & Mental Health Services; Community Schools; and Mentoring, Outreach & Job Training.

REMEMBERING

Samuel P. Bell, III



Samuel P. Bell, III left a legacy that will forever change the future for Florida's children. A fierce and loyal child advocate, Sam carried a powerful voice to influence decisions that would create a stronger, healthier, safer Florida for kids; through Sam's leadership in the Florida Legislature, he was responsible for numerous initiatives impacting child health, including the launch of Healthy Kids, mandatory screenings for tuberculosis, infant metabolic screenings, adoption subsidies for special needs children, Children's Medical Services and much more.

Beyond his legislative tenure, Sam's commitment continued as a stalwart leader on the state governing board of Children's Home Society of Florida. His devotion spanned decades, steering policies and funding to benefit children. A pivotal focus was the creation and expansion of Community Partnership Schools. His influence propelled the adoption of this model at Hillsborough County's Mort Elementary School and was instrumental in securing legislative appropriations to expand the model into dozens of schools.

Determined to do all he could to help students succeed, Sam was a strong supporter of Children's Home Society of Florida's Youth Advocacy Grant Program that sponsors our teens to spend a week in Tallahassee serving as Senate Pages or House Messengers. For dozens of kids, this experience changed the course of their lives as it allowed them to dream beyond their circumstances – and work to achieve those dreams.

Sam's fierce advocacy for children was matched only by his warm heart and genuine smile that sparkled every time he spoke of the kids he cared so deeply about.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

- Bridges
- Early Head Start
- Early Steps
- Healthy Start
- Healthy Families
- Help Me Grow



CHILDWELFARE

- Adoption
- Buckner Place Teen Parenting Program
- CARE Services
- Child Protection Team
- Children's Advocacy Center
- CHS FIRST (In-Home Support Services)
- Comprehensive Adoption Services
- Dependency Case Management
- Family Life Education
- Family Preservation & Stabilization
- Family Transition
- Family Visitation Center
- Foster Parent Recruitment & Support
- Independent Living
- Parenting Education
- Parents as Partners Support Group
- Partners 4 Safe Families
- Post-Adoption Support
- SafeHarbor Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Living Programs
- WaveCREST Emergency Shelter
- Wraparound Services



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Community Partnership Schools

- Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts
- Bellview Middle School
- C.A. Weis Elementary School
- Campbell Middle School
- Caribbean K-8 Center
- Daughtrey Elementary
- Dodgertown Elementary School
- Eccleston Elementary School
- Edward H. White High School
- Endeavour Elementary School
- Evans High School
- Homestead Middle School
- Howard W. Bishop Middle School
- Jefferson County K-12
- John F. Kennedy Middle School
- Jones High School
- Keystone Heights Jr./Sr. High School
- Lake Worth High School
- Long Branch Elementary School
- Manatee Elementary School
- Miami Southridge Sr. High School
- Mort Elementary School
- OCPS Academic Center for Excellence
- Orange Park High School
- Parker Elementary School
- Pine Forest High School
- Rutherford Middle & High School
- Sabal Palm Elementary School
- South Woods Elementary School
- The Webster School
- Wilkinson Junior High School

Social Services Navigator Program provided in Escambia and Leon counties



COUSLING & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Ashley Offerdahl Counseling Program
- CINS/FINS
- Counseling
- Family Crisis Coordination
- Family Resource Center
- Family Services Planning Team
- Infant Mental Health
- Mobile Response Team
- Targeted Case Management
- Telehealth
- Therapeutic Visitation Services
- Wraparound



MENTORING, OUTREACH & JOB TRAINING

- DJJ Prevention Services
- MODEL Mentoring
- M-Power (includes residential services)
- Project 18 Mentoring
- Project Safe Place
- SPARK of Duval
- Street Solutions Team
- Teen Life Choices
- teenspace
- Wyman's Teen Outreach Program
- Youthworks



EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

Being a parent is tough – and kids don't come with instruction manuals!

Through early childhood programs, we partner with parents to provide practical and emotional support as we empower them to become their child's first – and most important – teacher.

With hands-on guidance and activities, peer support groups, and connections to local resources, we build upon parents' strengths and encourage them to overcome challenges as they help their children reach key milestones and guide their entire family to reach their full potential.



From helping children with developmental delays and disabilities ... to serving unwed mothers and parenting teens ... to empowering thousands of families annually to safely guide their little ones to reach their full potential.



“
I truly appreciate this program ensuring that my family stays safe and healthy, I know I would not be the mother I am today without the program and my Healthy Families worker's help.
- Catherine, mother in Healthy Families Program

20,242

children and family members
participated in early childhood programs



100%

Nearly 100% of families that complete our Healthy Families program remain safely together – and out of foster care, creating stronger, brighter futures for kids and communities.



80%

80% of our children are meeting or exceeding benchmarks for language and literacy, cognition, social development and math – they are ready to begin school on track and excited to learn.



CHILD WELFARE

When families become involved in the child welfare system, we focus on children's safety and stability while we help them process and work through their trauma.

We also partner with parents to overcome challenges that led to involvement in the foster care system so they can bring their children safely back home. If that's never possible, then we work to find forever families for children through adoption.



Children's Home Society of Florida was key in passing Florida's first Child Labor Law, protecting kids from being deprived of education and recreation, offering a real chance for them to realize their full potential

1913



We would have never gotten Journey back if it wasn't for everybody fighting for us as hard as they did.

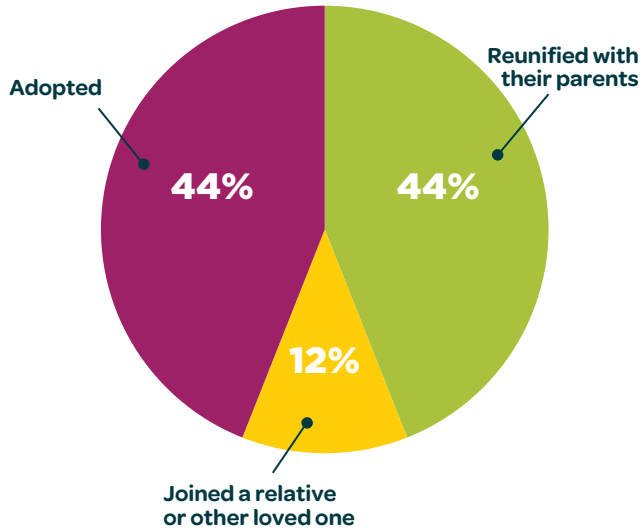
- Jessica, mother reunited with her child

6,396

children and family members partnered with CHS child welfare programs to work through challenges affecting family stability

709

children and teens found stability, exiting foster care into permanent homes



279

caring adults provided safety and stability as CHS foster parents



310

children found their "forever" through adoption



99%

of children participating in Comprehensive Adoption Services finalized their adoptions and received ongoing support to work through tough challenges throughout their adoption journeys



COUNSELING & MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health issues can significantly impact children's educational, mental, social and physical well-being, as well as their family peace and stability.

We provide personalized treatment and support to equip children and families with tools, coping skills and connections so they can find hope, stability, and opportunities for happiness and success.



13,444
children, teens and adults
took steps to brighter
futures with counseling
and other mental health
services in 2023

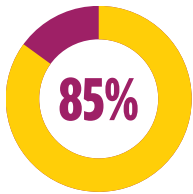


By the time Walt Disney World opened in 1971, Children's Home Society of Florida was providing a variety of services – including counseling and early childhood, services for developmentally delayed and disabled children and parent education courses – in all 67 Florida counties.

1971

400,000+

Florida has over 400,000 children and youth with emotional, behavioral, and developmental issues, but only about half are able to access services.



of kids receiving Targeted Case Management services were successfully diverted from higher-end treatment, providing stability and hope to more children and their families

Returning to school in-person after the pandemic was stressful for 9 year-old Trinity. Her panic attacks were overwhelming her at school and at home causing explosive meltdowns and unstoppable tears.

Trinity's mom, Tiffany, was determined to find the right support for her daughter to find peace. "She was struggling in every area," said Tiffany. "It was important for me to get her the right help. Sadly, there are still negative stigmas surrounding medication and therapy. But if your child had a heart condition, you wouldn't hesitate to bring them to a professional. Mental health is just as important as physical health."

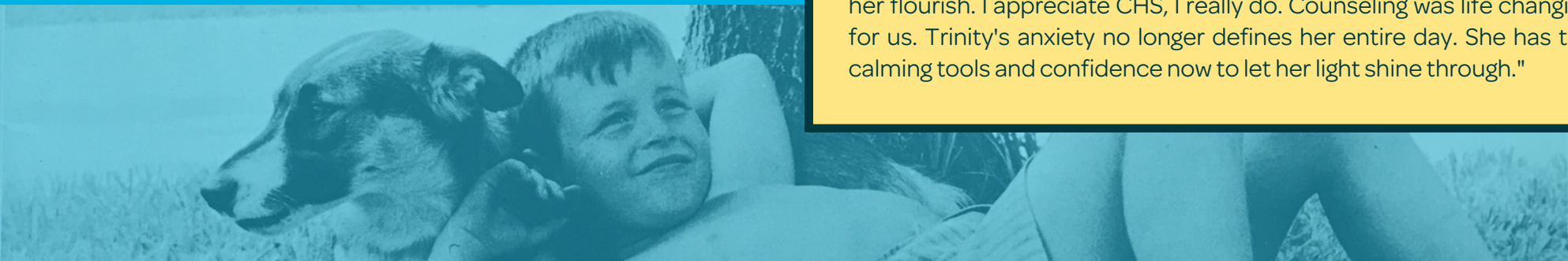
Trinity started meeting weekly with her Children's Home Society of Florida mental health counselor and began learning calming skills like deep breathing and positive self-talk.

"She went from not wanting to go to school at all, to looking forward to going so she could talk with her counselor," said Tiffany.

At home, Trinity and Tiffany built new routines with the guidance of the counselor and Trinity's progress began to improve her relationship with her older sister.

"Instead of being in her head and overanalyzing, Trinity began to relax and it helped to bring the family more together," said Tiffany. With more tools and confidence to cope with her anxiety, Trinity is also empowered to forge stronger friendships among her peers.

"I feel so much more at peace," said Tiffany. "You never want your children to feel judged or labeled. I really felt overprotective of her and like I needed to shield her. But now, I can take a step back and watch her flourish. I appreciate CHS, I really do. Counseling was life changing for us. Trinity's anxiety no longer defines her entire day. She has the calming tools and confidence now to let her light shine through."



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

By addressing barriers to learning – poverty, mental health struggles, homelessness and others – Community Schools bring together high-quality academic supports, health care, counseling, mentoring and more.

Community Schools improve student behavior, increase academic gains and graduation rates, and enhance parental involvement, offering greater learning opportunities for all students.

This initiative has been so impactful that we've expanded to serve even more students through both Community Partnership Schools and our Navigators program, connecting kids and families to direct services and support so they can succeed inside the classroom and beyond.

Because of you, more students receive support to achieve academic and life success.



CHS helped me get opportunities to volunteer in the community, prepare for college with SAT & ACT and the opportunity to go up to Tallahassee, FL and intern with the Florida Senate!

*- Benjamin Baker
Miami Southridge Senior High,
A Community Partnership School
c/o 2023*



More than

55,000

students were reached through community schools and Navigators initiatives, connecting them to services and supports that address key barriers to learning



A loaf of bread cost 9¢ and Children's Home Society of Florida first went into schools, helping to secure medical and dental exams, as well as hearing and vision tests for children.

1930's



More than

6,300

students received medical, dental or vision services through onsite healthcare at our Community Partnership Schools



More than

1,800

students received counseling services to help them work through tough challenges interfering with their education



Students at our Community Partnership Schools received nearly **32,000 hours** of academic tutoring



Graduation rates have increased by more than **30%** at our two longest-standing high schools that adopted the Community Partnership Schools model

MENTORING, OUTREACH & JOB TRAINING

Youth and young adults at the crossroads of struggles and success receive services and practical guidance to make positive decisions and pursue opportunities that can lead to lifelong success.

185

runaway and homeless youth found safety, stability and encouragement through CHS Street Solutions

8,310

youth were provided with essential services, including food, clothing, transportation, shelter access, job and life skills, mentoring, and more

From forming Florida's first standing committee to reform child labor laws in 1904 ...to mentoring kids in single-parent homes ... to reaching homeless teens ... to connecting youth with job opportunities...CHS has evolved to meet the needs of youth across Florida.



For Mya, a soon-to-be mom experiencing homelessness, CHS was life-changing. Through the care, support and targeted-solutions she received, Mya set – and reached – meaningful goals to create a stable future for herself and her child. Today, Mya is employed, proudly rents her own apartment and plans to start college soon.

Because of you...
**more youth are finding
stability and success.**



42

children and young
adults received formal
mentoring from
40 mentees



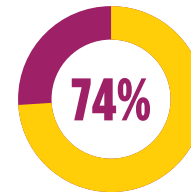
282

teens and young adults
received support and
skill-building through
outreach and teen
education programs



145

teens and young adults
gained practical skills, job
training and guidance for
workforce development
through YouthWorks



of youth participating in CHS job training
programs secured stable employment,
earned their GED or diploma, or began
post-secondary education

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

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Seminole County nonprofit keeps families together, out of foster care 100% of the time

Erik von Ancken, Anchor/Reporter



Nonprofit Healthy Families Seminole at the Children's Home Society (CHS) of Florida, which works to keep families together and children out of foster care, has seen a 100% success rate this year.

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Mental Health Task Force is working on ways to best treat the youngest in need

Dave Dunwoody, Reporter



The Children's Home Society has spent the last decade studying and implementing evidence-based practices that are designed for children and adolescents.

Tallahassee Democrat.

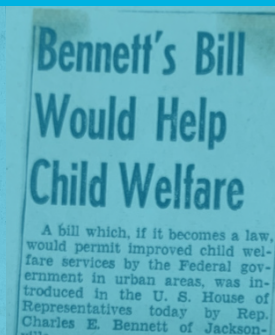
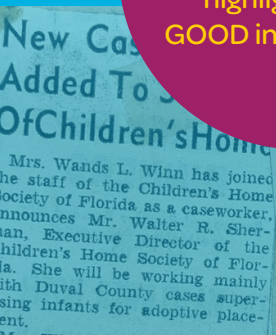
Children's Home Society of Florida wants to erase obstacles faced by families

Tiffany Martin, CHS Executive Director



What's especially exciting is the momentum we're building to shatter the statistics, to partner with children and families on the frontend – before any challenge turns into a crisis that could threaten the safety and well-being of a child.

669
media stories
highlighted our
GOOD in 2022-2023!



HELPING ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REALIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

With a legacy spanning more than 120 years, CHS celebrates the GOOD of all – from our impactful programs to our dedicated team members and the vibrant communities we serve. Our goal is to ensure that everyone feels a sense of belonging with CHS.

In our ongoing collaboration with families across nearly every corner of Florida, we celebrate the beautiful diversity that defines our state. We understand that unity and shared learning make us stronger, and recognizing the varied needs and challenges of our communities is crucial to delivering the best solutions and support in our mission of GOOD.

Our neighbors form a mosaic of nationalities, heritages, colors, and abilities. They represent the LGBTQ+ community, females rising ahead, veterans, and much more. At CHS, we value and respect the unique tapestry of individuals that make up our communities.

Every day, we tirelessly work for the well-being of all children, striving to pave the way for brighter futures. Together, with your invaluable support, we are making a profound impact on our community.

Since 2017, CHS has been recognized by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's All Children – All Families program for our commitment to implementing policies, practices and training programs that support team members, children and families in the LGBTQ+ community.



*Because of YOU ...
futures are brighter for
more children. Life
trajectories are changing.
This is only possible
because of your continued
support and trust.*

We do good together!

Eljay, an 18-year-old transgender individual found solace in CHS' Transitional Living Program after experiencing homelessness. He described it as a welcoming environment with kind staff members where everyone is accepted, regardless of their background or circumstances.



For more information on CHS's EDI efforts, visit chsfl.org/edi

ADVOCACY

Senate Page Program

For over 13 years, CHS has collaborated with the Florida Senate to bring more than 120 CHS youth from across the state to experience a week in Tallahassee, serving as Senate Pages. This past year, we brought 16 CHS youth to Tallahassee for an experience of a lifetime!

In addition to learning about state government, meeting lawmakers and participating in mock sessions, our youth practiced advocacy in action, sharing their personal testimonies with legislators to influence policy and funding decisions to benefit kids just like them. But the opportunities extended beyond the Capitol building, as youth meet with Capital City Bank Leadership, FSU Veteran Affairs, the Southern Scholarship Foundation, and more, before ending each day with a family dinner with their CHS host families.

This wouldn't be possible without the continued support of our Senate Presidents, our gracious and generous Tallahassee families who open their homes to host students, and our faithful donors.



[The Senate Page Program] provided me with an irreplaceable experience that I can hold onto for the rest of my life.

*- Paige Wilkinson,
Senate Page*



Expand a Proven Model to Success: Community Partnership Schools

CHS requested continued funding for existing schools and additional funding to expand the model throughout Florida.

RESULT: *In addition to sustaining support for Community Partnership Schools, the legislature authorized increased funding to expand the model to 8 more schools!*



2023 Advocacy Highlights

Our child advocates are the voices of change for children. Through the tireless efforts of our local and state leaders, advocates, team members and volunteers, Florida's children experienced significant wins during the 2023 legislative session! The CHS Advocacy Action Center, which allows advocates to actively reach out to elected officials in support of CHS priorities, saw an almost 20% increase in active users, showcasing the heightened engagement of our dedicated advocates.

During CHS Advocacy Weeks at the Capitol, advocates from across the state united in their efforts to champion brighter futures for Florida's children. Community Partnership Schools Day at the Capitol brought together students, school faculties, and leaders to ask for an \$11 million legislative investment to expand this model's proven success.

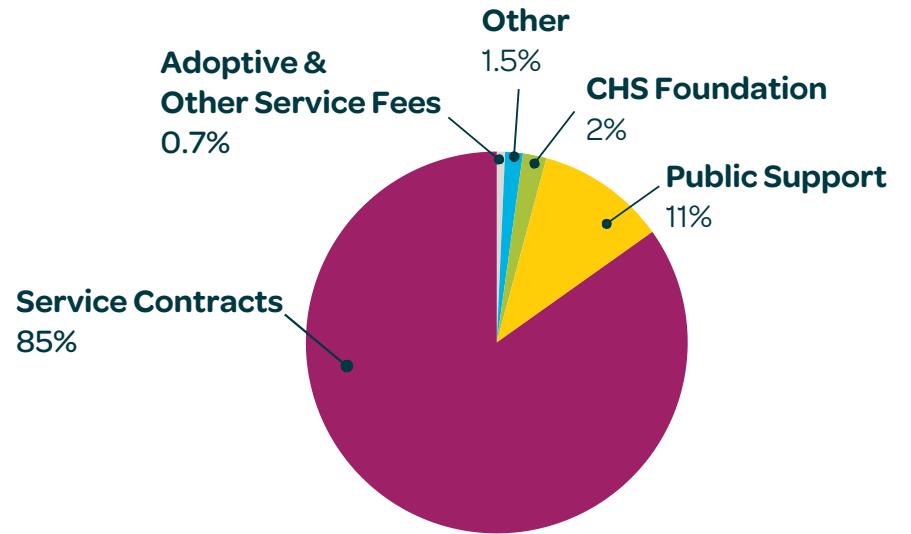
As part of Children's Week at the Capitol, CHS stood alongside more than 100 organizations in the annual celebration, recognizing and applauding Florida's commitment to its youth and their supporters. A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to our dedicated advocates who use their voices to provide safety, security, hope, and opportunities for children in Florida.

Learn how you can advocate with CHS at chsfl.org/advocate

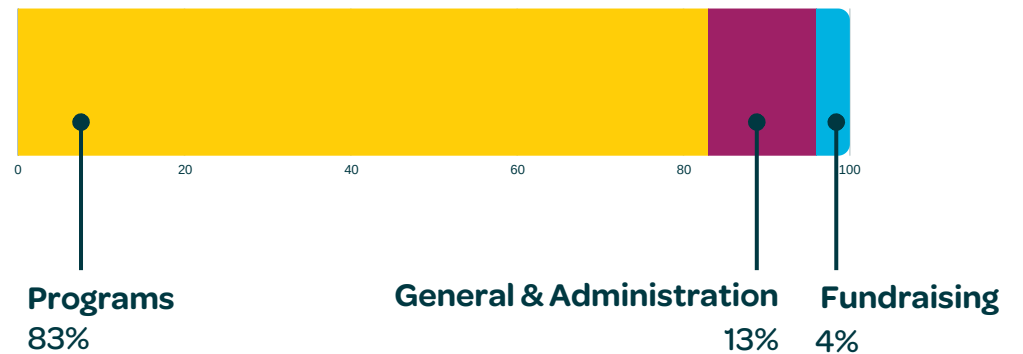


FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Revenue: \$84 million



Expenses: \$92 million



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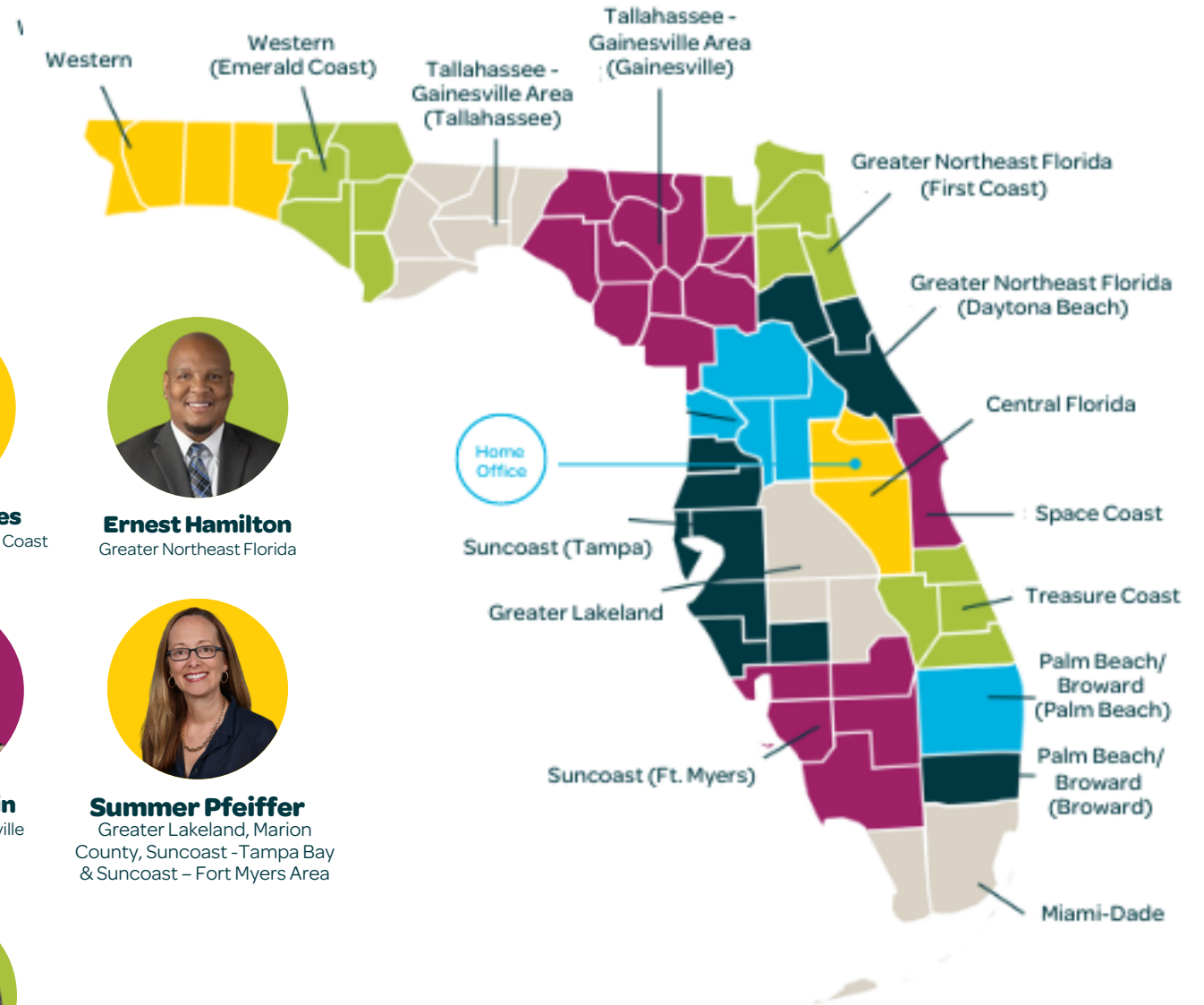
Tiffany Martin
Tallahassee-Gainesville



Summer Pfeiffer
Greater Lakeland, Marion
County, Suncoast - Tampa Bay
& Suncoast - Fort Myers Area



Gloria Saiz
Miami-Dade



ADVANCE OUR MISSION

chsfl.org/get-involved/



GIVE

Make a one-time or ongoing monthly donation to continue building bridges to success for children

Make a lasting impact on children and families with a planned gift, including: bequests, charitable gift annuities and gifts of stocks or bonds.

Become a GEM and give every month to help children.



VOLUNTEER

Donate your time and change a life. Virtual and in-person volunteer options are available.

Support our gift-in-kind supply drives or help fulfill the needs on our wish lists

Become a CHS GOODGetter by hosting at least two supply drives or kit-building opportunities, or through two group volunteer projects.



ADVOCATE

Join our advocacy efforts and create lasting change in your community!

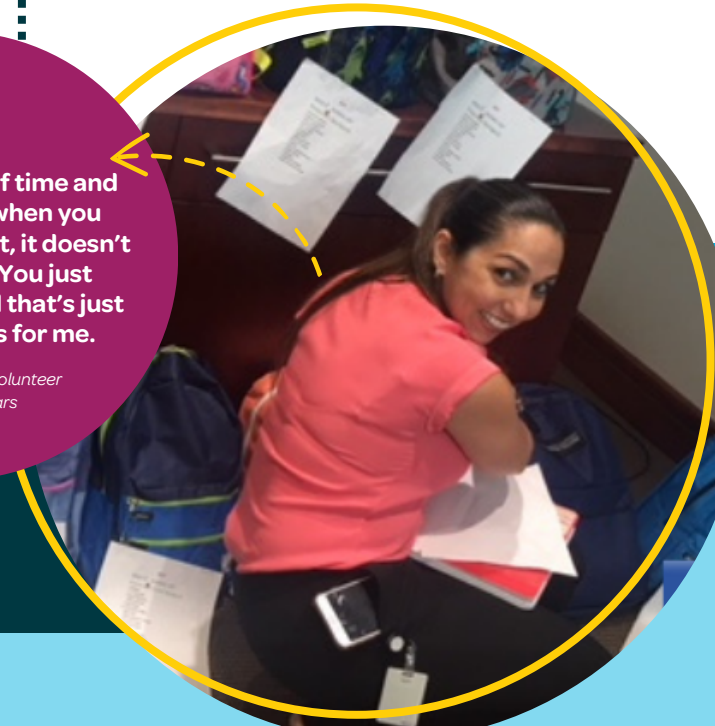
Speak on behalf of CHS and our efforts to empower kids and families in Florida.

Follow and engage with CHS on social media. Find us @helpFLkids on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



It does take a lot of time and dedication, but when you have a passion for it, it doesn't seem like work. You just naturally do it, and that's just the way it comes for me.

- May Molina, CHS Volunteer for over 33 years



Together, we can help children – and their parents – find strengths, confidence and opportunities, so they can realize their full potential.

#MyCHSWhy

Showcasing the power of doing GOOD together!



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I wanted to volunteer for the Children's Home Society, to help our future generation of kids feel welcomed, included and wanted. To make their future days a little better.

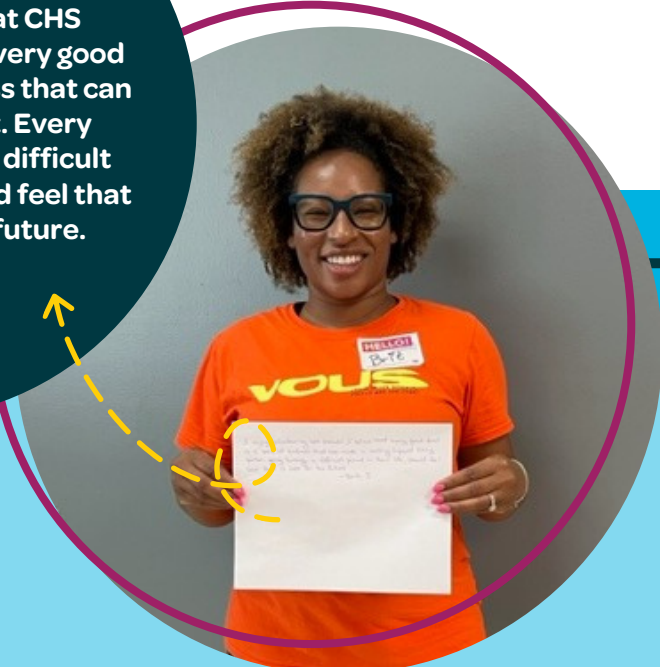
- Daisy, Volunteer



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I enjoy volunteering at CHS because I believe that every good deed is a seed of kindness that can make a lasting impact. Every person going through a difficult period in their life, should feel that there is hope for the future.

-Brit J., Volunteer





For 120 years, Children's Home Society of Florida has been a nationally recognized leader in delivering innovative, effective services and solutions to keep more families safe, strong and together.

With a national reputation, a statewide footprint and a local presence, CHS leads the way in children's services. No other organization has the size, scope or breadth of services to meet children's and families' needs the way we do, and we're just getting started! As we look to the future there is so much more GOOD to do and we couldn't do it without YOU!

Thank you for being part of our CHS family, for creating hope and opportunities for children throughout Florida.

Because of YOU, children cross bridges to success every day.



We're proud to serve 80K+ children and family members each year



We've grown from 2 team members in 1902 to more than 1,000 today



We've expanded from one primary location in Northeast Florida to now provide support and care to nearly every area of Florida

Programs funded in part by:

